



YoungStar: Building the Future by Investing Early

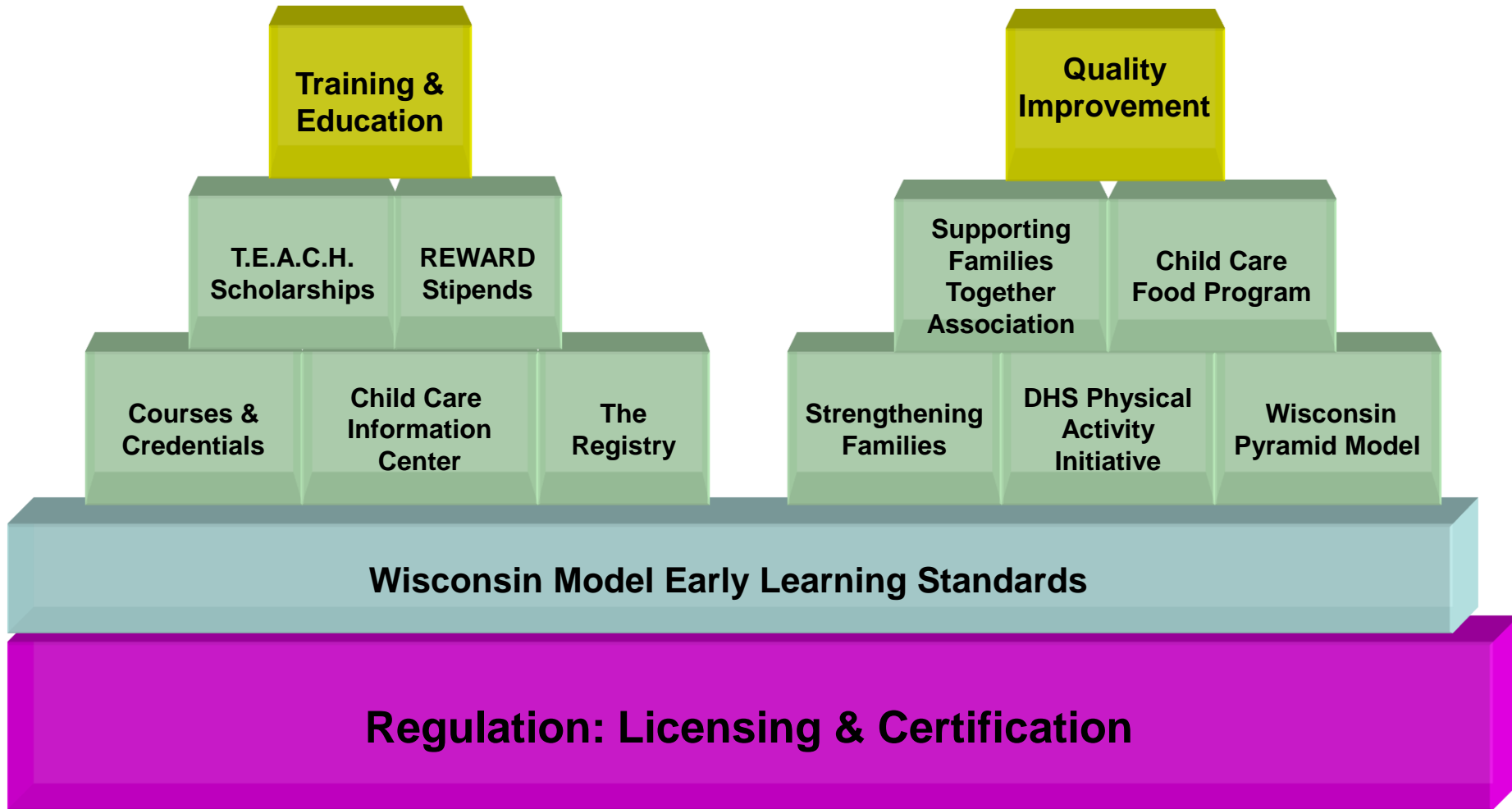


Start early. Start smart. Start here.

Development of YoungStar

- 2009 Budget Act 28 required DCF to submit a plan for YoungStar by June 30, 2011
- DCF submitted its Quality Rating and Improvement System plan on March 24, 2010
- Passed by a unanimous JFC vote on June 23, 2010 but requested DCF report on a Five Year Plan
- Second phase and Five Year Plan Approved in December 2010 by JFC
- School-age care added to YoungStar in March 2012
- Tiered reimbursement implemented July 1, 2012

Wisconsin is Building on Strength



DCF Responsibilities

- Evaluation
- Accountability
- Leadership
- Administration and management
- Technical Assistance on rating, assessment, training, micro grants, consultation
- Community outreach
- Development of YoungStar Automation System

Regional Service Delivery Model

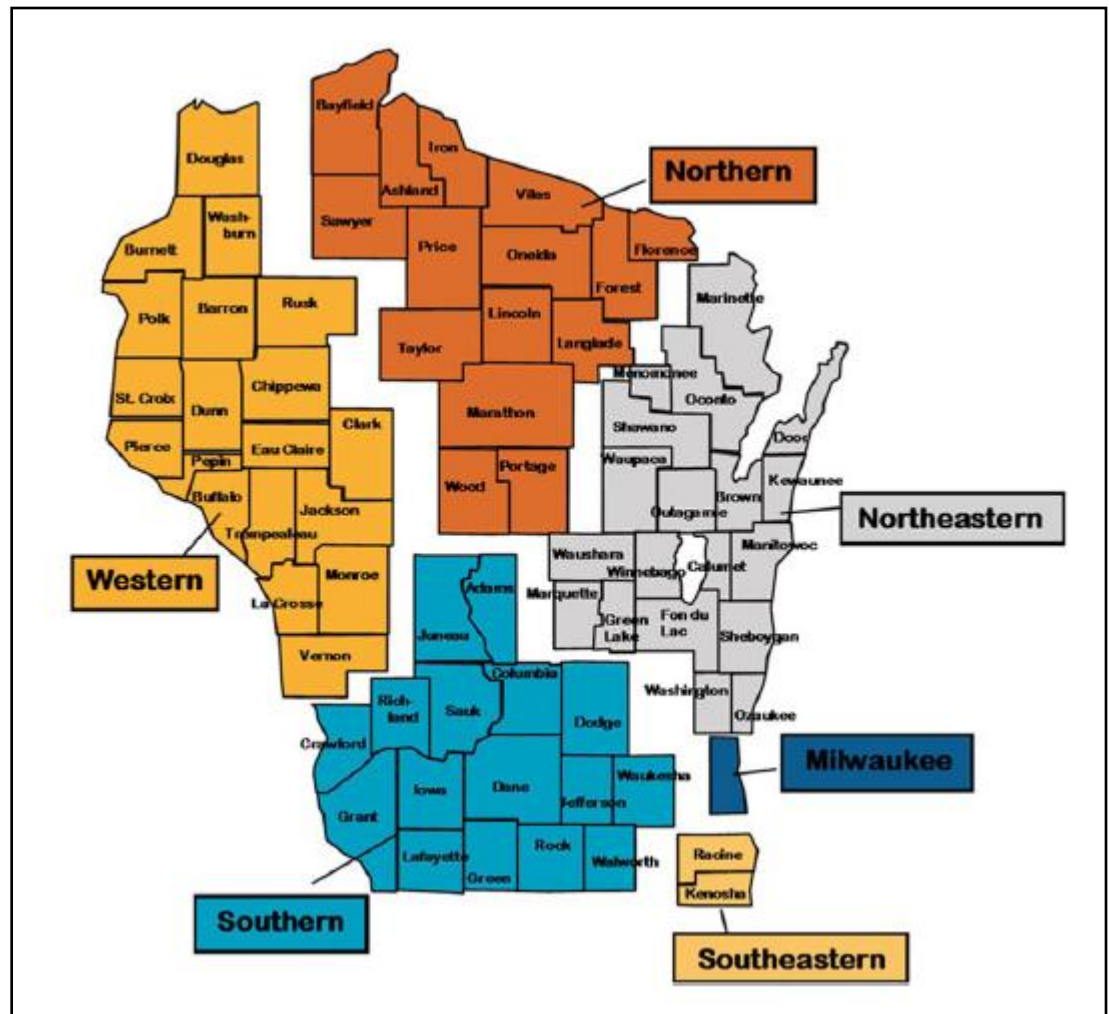
- DCF released an RFP on June 30, 2010
- YoungStar Consortium made up of Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA), Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) and the Celebrate Children Foundation was selected for all six regional offices to administer YoungStar in October 2010



Regional Entity Responsibilities

- YoungStar application process
- Child care on-site technical consultation
- Regional and community training delivery
- 4 and 5 Star formal rating with observation
- Administration of quality improvement micro grants
- Assisting parents to find child care
- Working with DCF and other key partners for YoungStar service delivery

YoungStar Local Offices



YoungStar Quality Indicators

1. Education and Training

2. Environment and Curriculum

- Program uses a self assessment tool
- Environment Rating Scale is used
- Curriculum aligned with Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

YoungStar Quality Indicators

3. Business and Professional Practices

- Ongoing yearly budget planning
- Written copy of employment policies
- Annual staff plan
- Access to professional resources on-site
- Access to health insurance and pension/retirement plan
- Assessment of program financial status/review of tax record
- Paid time off
- Family Involvement

YoungStar Quality Indicators

4. Child Health and Wellbeing

- Program provides at least 60 minutes of physical activity
- Nutritious meals are served
- Inclusive practices and social - emotional development practices are used
- Provider is trained in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention/Strengthening Families

Earning Points in YoungStar

	Possible	Points	
Category for Earning Points	Family	Group	School-Age
Education Qualifications-Family Provider	0-14	N/A	N/A
Education-Group Teacher/Group Leaders	N/A	0-9	0-6
Education of Group Director/ Site Supervisor	N/A	0-6	0-9
Learning Environment and Curriculum	0-14	0-13	0-13
Business and Professional Practices (business practices, staff benefits, parents involvement)	0-7	0-7	0-7
Health and Wellbeing	0-5	0-5	0-5
Total	0-40 points	0-40 points	0-40 points

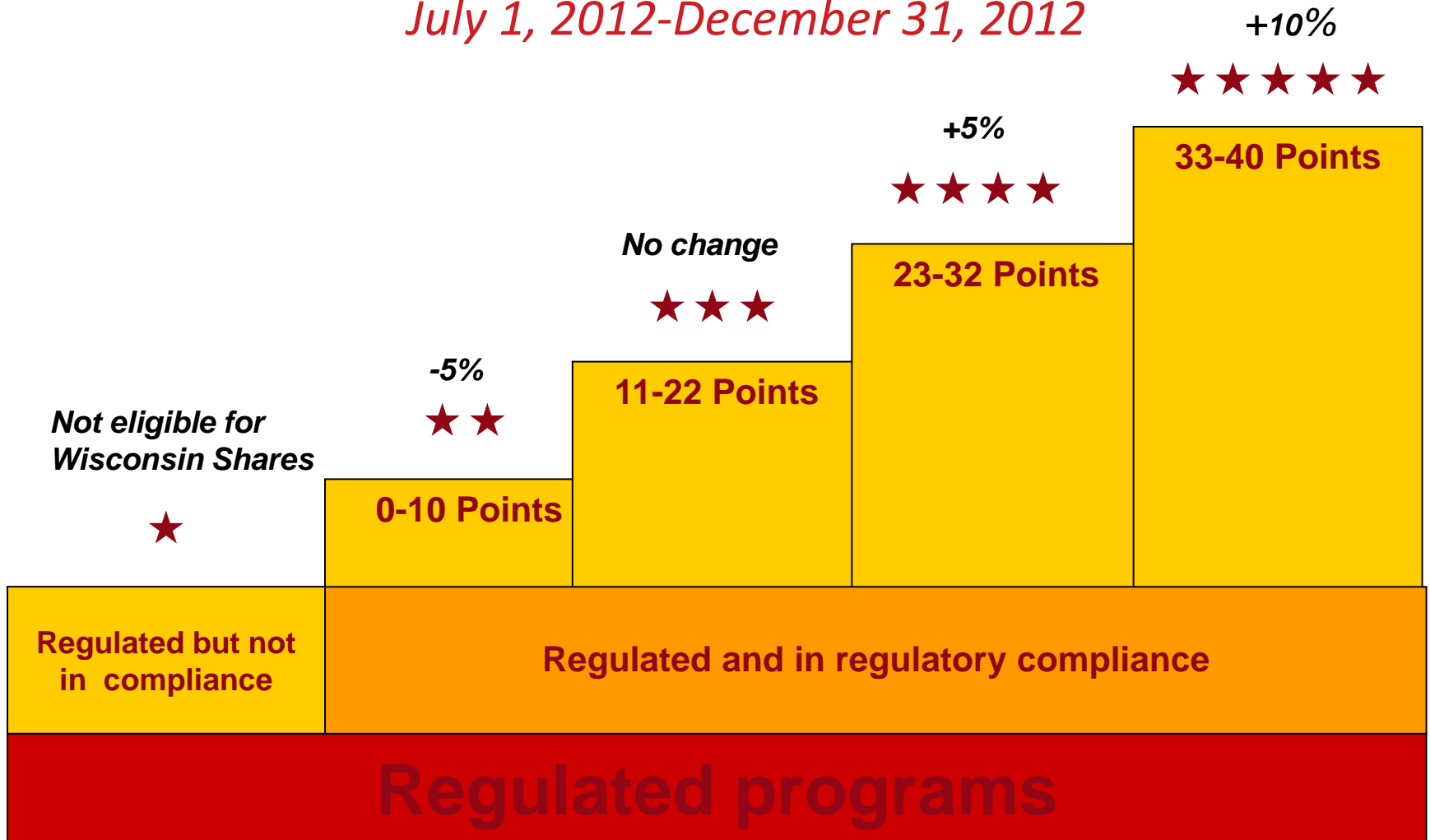


Accreditation

- Alternate pathway to 4 or 5 Stars
- Nationally recognized
- Group Centers: NAEYC, NAC, City of Madison, Head Start Performance Standards, COA, NECPA
- Family Child Care: NAFCC, Satellite in the City of Madison

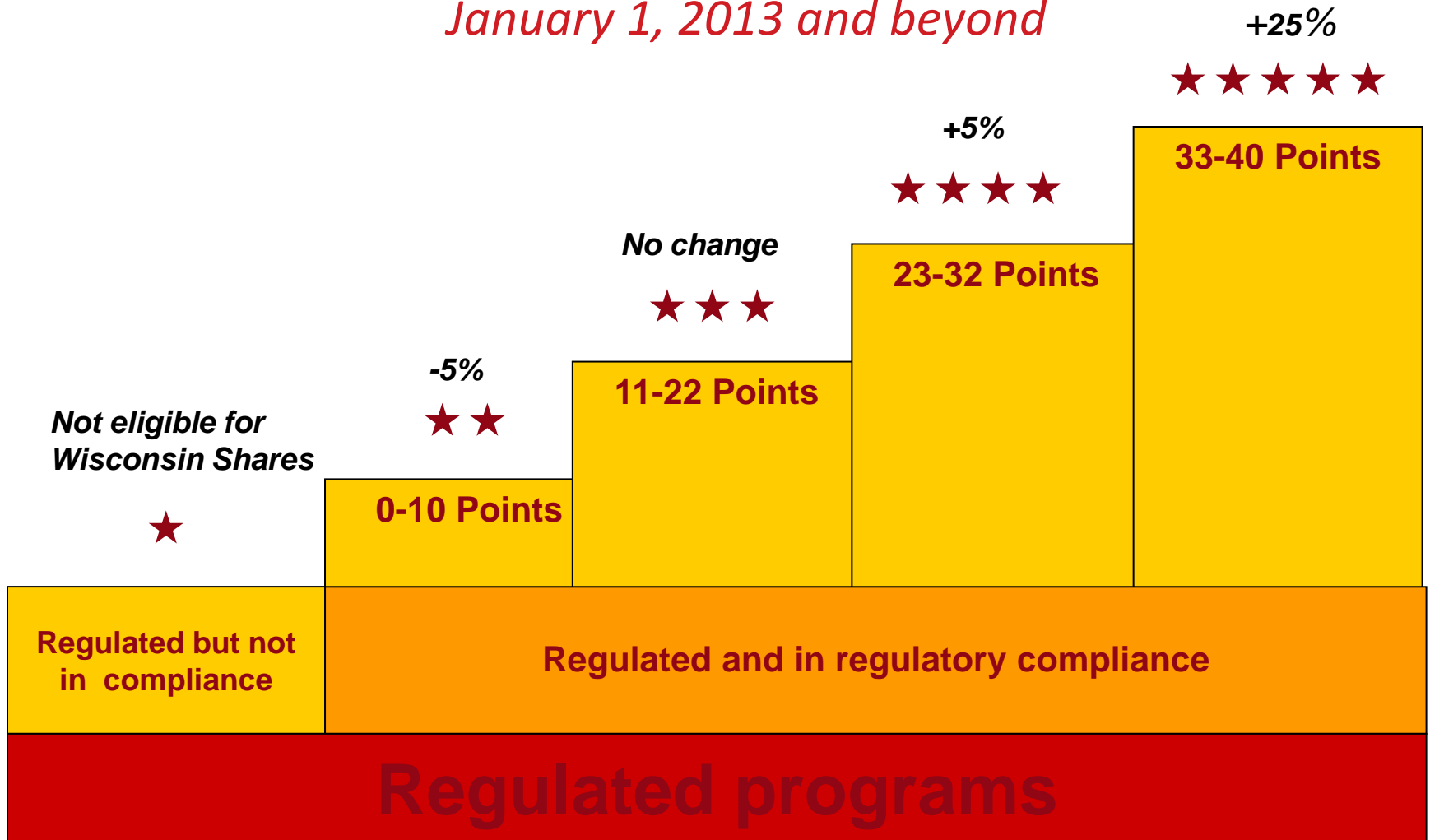
Wisconsin Shares Reimbursement

July 1, 2012-December 31, 2012



Future Wisconsin Shares Reimbursement

January 1, 2013 and beyond



YoungStar Participation

- Group Center, Family Child Care, and School-Age programs serving children birth through age 12
- Programs who receive Wisconsin Shares are required to participate
- YoungStar contract with program is required to participate
- All programs agree to timely and accurate reporting of Wisconsin Shares to participate
- For programs not taking Wisconsin Shares, participation is voluntary

How will parents get information?

- Individual child care provider ratings and regulatory information is posted on-line at:

www.childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov

- Information on quality child care will be provided by Local YoungStar Offices and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies in their community

Timeline for Implementation

- November 2010: Regional start up activities
- January 1, 2011: Services delivery in regions begins
- January 1, 2012: School-age child care applications to YoungStar are accepted
- July 1, 2012: Wisconsin Shares reimbursement tied to YoungStar Rating
- January 1, 2013: 5 Star program reimbursement increased



Immediate Training and Technical Assistance

- Prepared child care programs for YoungStar
- Targeted training to 12 counties
- July 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011
- 271 trainings to 7229 participants
- 6,622 participants in the target counties
- 101 providers received targeted technical assistance

How does YoungStar Work?

For Providers

- YoungStar participation Contract required to participate
- Valid and Reliable Formal Raters and Technical Consultants housed in Local YoungStar Offices
- Technical Rating required for 3 Star programs
- Formal Rating with Observation required for 4 or 5 Star programs that are not accredited
- Automated process for calculating program score

Evaluation of YoungStar

Internal

- Overall outcomes to be tracked using data supplied by Local YoungStar Offices include:
 - Providers are better trained on how to offer high quality child care.
 - More quality child care programs are available, particularly for children in Wisconsin Shares.
 - Parents have access to better, more targeted information about the quality of specific child care programs.

Validation of YoungStar

External

- Contract with UW-Madison- Katherine Magnuson, Principal Researcher
- Based on Missouri Quality Rating Child Outcomes Study
- Will study child outcomes in centers who are participating in YoungStar, using research-based school readiness assessments
- Anticipate that children participating in higher rated quality programs will have better outcomes than children in lower rated child care programs.



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